

**State of California
Department of Parks and Recreation**

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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PROJECT TITLE: Rockefeller Forest Loop Trail Upgrade

LOCATION: Humboldt Redwoods State Park

COUNTY: Humboldt

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE AND PURPOSE OF PROJECT:

Upgrade the existing Rockefeller Forest Loop Trail at Humboldt Redwoods State Park to meet accessibility standards, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This will include turnpiking the trail to improve grade, correcting drainage and reduce erosion, and improving/repairing trail surface. Install a retaining wall, three drain lenses, new safety railings, and trail edge protections as necessary to protect public safety and support continued use and maintenance. No power tools or heavy equipment will be used between February 1 and September 15, to avoid impacts to nesting marbled murrelet and northern spotted owl.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: California Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: North Coast Redwoods District

EXEMPT STATUS:

- ☐ Declared Emergency (Section 15269(a))
☐ Emergency Project (Section 15269(b) and (c))
☐ Statutory Exemption (Section:)
☒ Categorical Exemption

Class: 1 Section: 15301

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT:

Project consists of the repair and minor alteration of existing public facilities and topographical features, involving negligible expansion of use beyond current levels, and is included as "modifications of existing facilities for handicap access" and "trail or road repairs" in DPR's list of exempt activities, in accordance with CCR §15300.4.

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